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MEETING OF POWER SECRETARIES ON POWER SITUATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has conducted meeting with Power/Energy Secretaries of various States/UTs in the recent past;

(b) if so, the issues on which deliberations have been made; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve overall power situation in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. A Conference of Energy/Power Secretaries of States and Chiefs of Power Utilities was held on 30th May, 2006 where the following issues were deliberated:

(i) Review of Xth Plan Capacity Addition and XIth Plan preparedness; and

(ii) Power supply position and demand side management.

(c) : National Electricity Policy, inter-alia, envisages that demand of power be fully met by 2012 and that energy and peaking shortages be overcome with 5% spinning reserve being available. States have been accordingly advised to create adequate generation capacity to fully meet the growing demand of the electricity. Central Government on its part has geared up its Central Sector Undertakings to enhance their generating capacity. Currently, projects aggregating over 39,000 MW are under construction. Apart from this, following measures have been taken to improve the availability of power in the country, include:-

- Early stabilization of newly commissioned units.

- Maximization of generation through better performance in Plant Load Factor (PLF) of thermal power stations.

- Power stations with low PLF have been identified and are linked with better performing stations under the scheme `Partnership for Excellence` for adopting better operational practices.

- Enhancement of Inter-State and Inter-regional transfer of power by strengthening of inter-regional transmission links eventually leading to formation of National Grid.

- Promoting energy efficiency and conservation measures.